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In the application of

WILLIAM FISHER *et al.*

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TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Enclosed are the following documents:

Response to the Office Action mailed 2/23/2005;

Replacement Drawings (13 pages):

One Annotated Highlighted Drawing Sheet; and

One Return Receipt Postcard

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

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Respectfully submitted,

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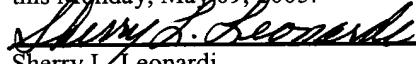
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2005, the Applicant(s), through their attorney respond as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of this paper and include 13 attached Replacement Sheets and one Annotated Sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.